

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Recommendation for Re-Accreditation by the ACA

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Indianapolis, Indiana - (June 7, 2006) - Commissioner J. David Donahue announced today that the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility scored a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The facility scored 97.5 percent on non-mandatory standards. The ACA auditors recommended Wabash Valley Correctional Facility for re-accreditation.

"I want to congratulate Superintendent Alan Finnan on his leadership and facility staff for this great accomplishment," said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "This is the third accreditation of the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility through the American Correctional Association (ACA)."

In order to pass the ACA audit, a correctional facility must comply with 100 percent of 62 mandatory standards and 90 percent of 448 non-mandatory standards. ACA's standards reflect the current national policies and procedures with regard to the care, custody and control of adult offenders.

Chairperson of the Accreditations Committee, Debra Brunette-Weaver, noted, "the facility is very clean and orderly and staff are very positive about the business of public safety. The audit team found no quality of life issues. Staff and offender population feel safe and secure."

Superintendent Alan Finnan said, "Staff worked effectively and efficiently as a team and displayed the drive and commitment necessary to succeed in this endeavor."

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility employs 778 total staff and houses over 1,889 offenders.

"Again, congratulations to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility employees for driving excellence and sustaining performance. Keep up the great work! I look forward to making the official announcement at the ACA conference in August 2006," added Commissioner Donahue.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.